

BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



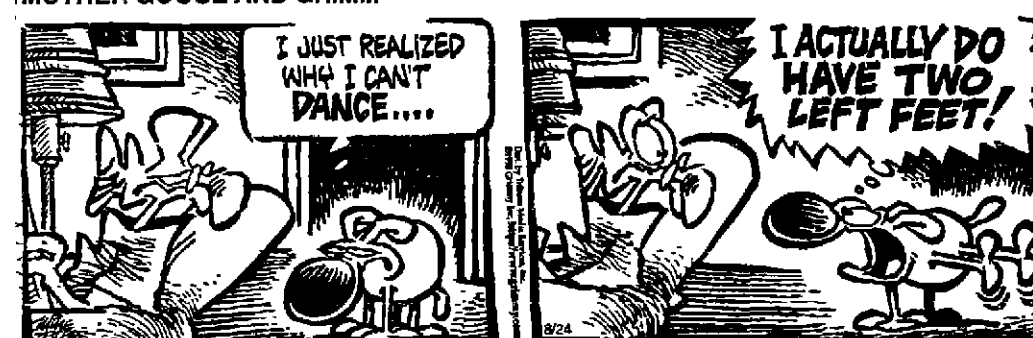
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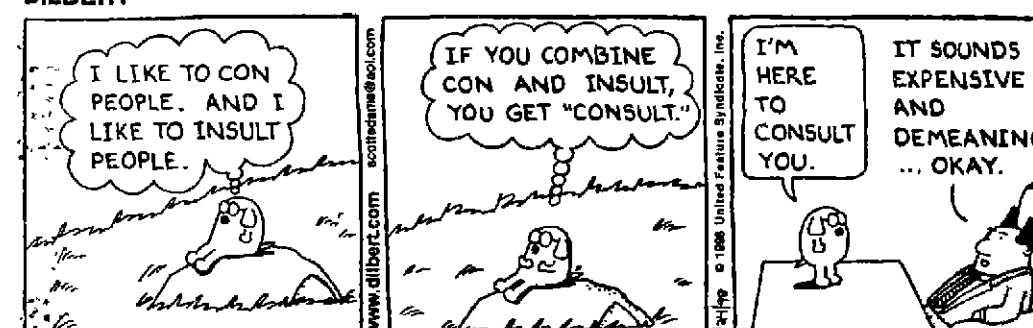
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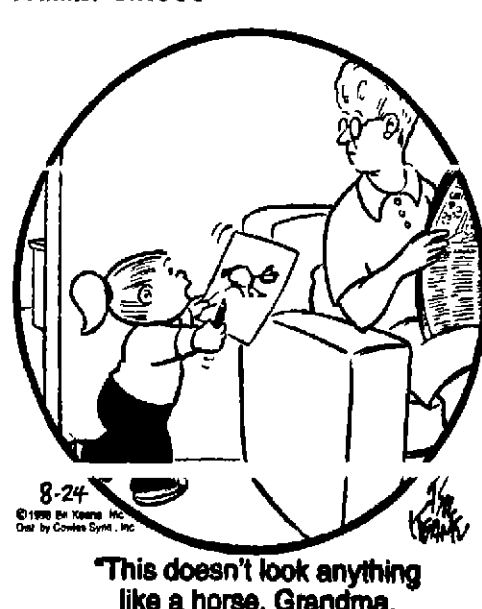
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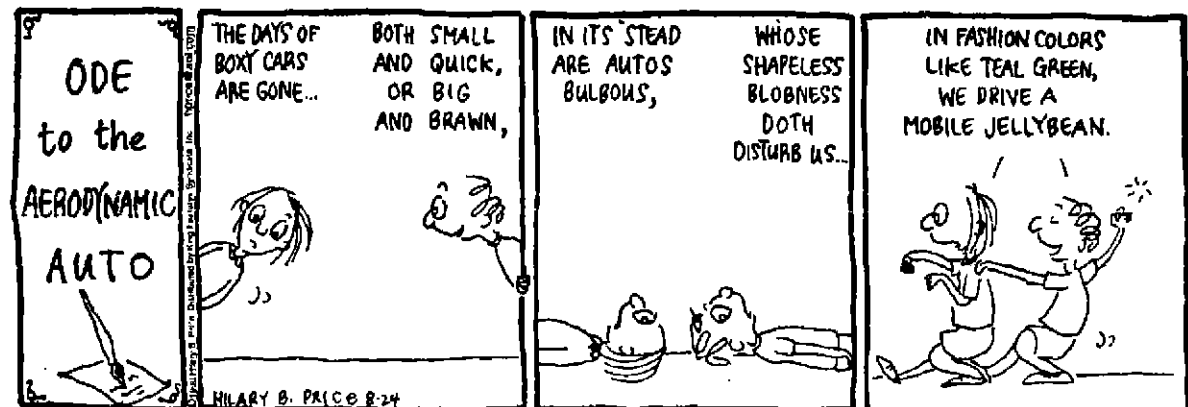
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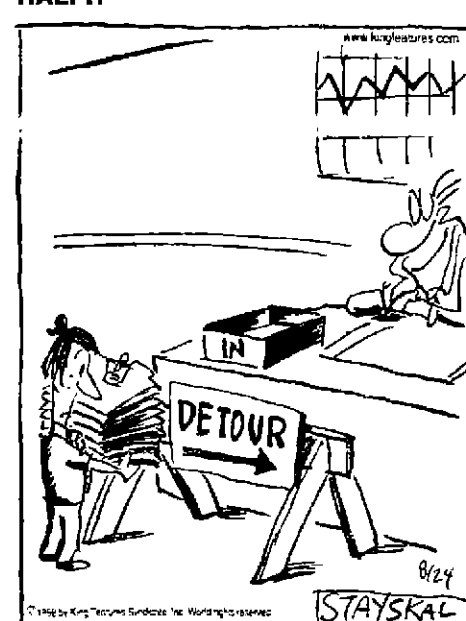
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Television personality **Durward Kirby** is 73. Composer-musician-author **Mason Williams** is 60. Rock musician **Jim Capaldi** (Traffic) is 54. Rock musician **Ken Hensley** (Uriah Heep) is 53. Actor **Joe Regalbuto** ("Murphy Brown") is 49. Boxer **Gerry Cooney** is 42. Actor **Steve Guttenberg** is 40. Baseball player **Cal Ripken Junior** is 38. Rock singer **John Bush** (Anthrax) is 35.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 95-105
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 8-24-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

RACK 1: E, Y, I, M, L, R, R

RACK 2: M, E, E, O, O, S, P

RACK 3: C, S, L, I, O, A, S

RACK 4: Y, U, U, O, U, R, S

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Words with a "lock"

PTKLBPIEBYVSKQN
KHECLAGEBYWCTRR
OLJKODRGEBOWWEU
RPNKCLIKLKKGKK
KDBZKODXRCVCCCS
QCOCMCLAKIOOOOG
ECOAYKOTEWLLULS
QLPLNLCLNDRELCN
FHFEMCKAAIYRXUV
USQPNEMEAKLOJGB
HFECBZHYXVUFTRQ

Saturday's unlisted clue: TICKETS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: A GROUP OF BIRDS

Air lock, Deadlock, Gunlock, Locket, Flintlock, Firelock, Hemlock, Oarlock, Bullock, Forelock, Hemlock, Oarlock, Clock, Gndlock, Locker, Padlock

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HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't let your eagerness to get things done make you impatient with others. Allow people to move at their own pace.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Romantic partners find that friendship is the major basis behind their relationship.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An excellent time lies ahead for creative thinking and inspiration.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A usually tranquil relationship might suddenly develop waves. Although you are taken aback by the sudden shift, it is important that you don't overreact.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Communication is the key when it comes to solving difficulties with your boss or co-workers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) While you are feeling generous, others might be a little more uptight. You're impressing the right people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make the time to work on improving your skill in an area of importance to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Intuition is your most valuable skill in a brainstorming process. Make sure you have a notebook nearby.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Some personal power that you unexpectedly acquire is most rewarding when you use it fairly. Be willing to accept the responsibilities that come with success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You might have to put on a small performance for someone before you can return to the comfort of being yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) An old acquaintance pops up out of the woodwork, introducing a new element into your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) There is absolutely no point in going public with a private crisis.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I hate to play against him," lamented South. "He's always doing something sneaky, and I fall for it every time!" "He did nothing to you," replied North. "His trump switch was an obvious choice. You did it to yourself." South took dummy's club ace and led a heart to his king and a trump to dummy's ace. Quickly, he cashed dummy's high hearts, discarding his losing club and a low diamond. At trick six, South led dummy's diamond queen to blow some smoke, but East covered to hold the trick. Expecting South to ruff diamonds in dummy, East innocently led a trump — the obvious choice. Fearing a doublecross, South put up his king, unwilling to lose to a doubleton queen with West. Wrong again. West discarded a club, and East was left with the high trump. When East won the next diamond, he cashed his high trump to eliminate the diamond ruff in dummy, and South had to concede one down. What crime did South commit? When East led a trump after winning his diamond king, South had a cinch to make his game. All he had to do was finesse against the queen. If the finesse lost, a trump would remain in dummy to ruff a diamond. And if it won (today's case), South could afford to lose three diamond tricks.

NORTH 08-24-A
♠ A 9 6
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ Q 6
♣ A 9 4 2

WEST
♠ 3
♥ J 9 6 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ Q J 10 7 3

EAST
♠ Q 4 2
♥ 10 7 4 3
♦ K J 9 4
♣ K 6

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 8 7 5
♥ K
♦ 7 5 3 2
♣ 8 5

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

The bidding:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 4 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Club queen

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0713

ACROSS

- 1 More than dislike
- 6 Big name in computer games
- 10 Fish from Dover
- 14 Be loud, as a radio
- 15 Cower
- 16 Let — a secret
- 17 Write without a single mistake
- 20 Cosmonauts, by definition
- 21 Perfume essence
- 22 Phone no. at the office
- 23 Letters starting naval carrier names
- 24 With 28-Down, a university in Dixie
- 26 Cass Elliot was one of them
- 30 Watering holes
- 31 Kimono sashes
- 32 1961 Best Actor Maximilian
- 34 British rule in colonial India
- 37 Not play it safe
- 40 Ave. crossers
- 41 Nat. e.g., chemically
- 42 Poems of praise
- 43 Look surreptitiously
- 44 Search
- 45 Prefix with cycle
- 46 6-pt. scores
- 48 Sigma follower
- 51 Spotted pony
- 53 Sunrise and sunset locales
- 55 O.K.
- 61 Sea eagle
- 62 First number in season records
- 63 French pupil
- 64 High schooler
- 65 Like custards
- 66 Called one's bluff

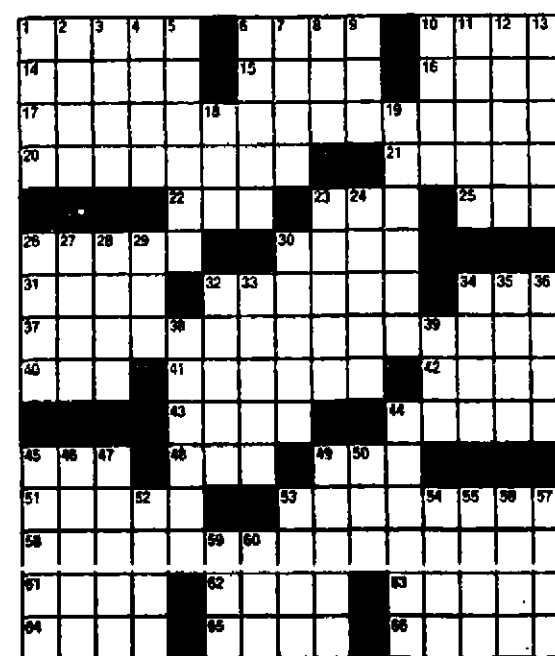
DOWN

- 1 Shortened form, in shortened form
- 2 — cheese dressing
- 3 Dutch artist Frans
- 4 Mined metals
- 5 Knots again
- 6 Bloodhound's trail
- 7 Goofs
- 8 Opposition for Dems.
- 9 Wonderment
- 10 Refine, as flour
- 11 "And — grow on"
- 12 Hometown-related
- 13 — nous
- 14 I.R.S.'s share
- 15 Grapple (with), colloquially
- 16 Soothing ointment
- 17 Swabs
- 18 Adjoin
- 19 See 25-Across
- 20 Baseball wood
- 21 Valentino title role, with "the"
- 22 Covered the foot
- 23 Yields
- 24 Went on horseback
- 25 King Kong and others
- 26 It's said with a
- 27 Silly
- 28 She said "I spect I growed"
- 29 Dadaism founder
- 30 Govt. agents
- 31 Be suspended
- 32 French novelist
- 33 "Roger, and out!"
- 34 Central church area
- 35 Winter toy
- 36 Be indebted to
- 37 Not worth a

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

GELATIN RAJAPS
BARASOTA ADAPTS
AMETHYST DEGREE
MELEES 1915 IRA
ALORR POLA BOIL
RANT PENAL ERLE
AND MONASTERIES

DOG CATCHERS GAL
UNIT SHORE LANE
PIGG BELD DUGGY
ENG WAST FUSSED
NOLLOS DOLITTLE
STERNO ANACREON
EDSON YONKERS



Puzzle by Bill Ballou

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